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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 5674

STATE FOR EA/PRCM, EB/OA AND EUR/NE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, HK UK, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR: NOMADS LANDING PERMISSION

REF: A) STATE 111973 (NTOAL), B) HONG KONG 4516 (NOTAL),

C) STATE 82903 (NOTAL)

1. RESPONDING TO INQUIREIES MADE AFTER CONGEN'S RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (HKCAD) INFORMED US THAT IT HAD REFERRED THE NOMADS CASE TO THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE IN LONDON FOR ADVISE, AND WAS AWAITING A REPLY. HKCAD OFFICER TOLD CONGENOFF THAT THIS WAS DONE BECAUSE ONCE THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN DRAWN INTO THE CASE, HKCAD FLET THAT NOMADS HAD BECOME A US-UK BILATERAL ISSUE THAT THEY COULD NOT PROPERLY RESOLVE ON THEIR OWN. CONGEN FEELS THAT HKCAD WILL FOLLOW UK TRADE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISE STRICTLY.

2. CONGENOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED THE NOMADS CASE SEVERAL TIMES WITH HK DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND HIS STAFF, AS WELL AS WITH THE HKG ASSISTANT POLAD. THE HKG IS FULLY AWARE OF NOMADS POSITION, HAS SEEN ALL THE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR NON-PROFIT CORPORATE STATUS AND KNOWS THAT THE USG IS  
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PRESSING NOMADS' INTERESTS VERY STRONGLY. THE HKG APPARENTLY CONSIDERS USG PRESSURE STRONG ENOUGH THAT IT DOES NOT WANT TO RISK A DECISION THAT MIGHT AGGRAVATE ALREADY TENDER US-UK BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH HKG OFFICIALS, WE SUSPECT THAT HKCAD WOULD NOT HAVE PERMITTED NOMADS TO LAND WITHOUT \$150 M THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE.

3. IN ANY EVENT IT NOW APPEARS REPRESENTATION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE  
IN LONDON IF REPEAT IF DEPT WISHES TO PURSUE CASE ON  
BEHALF OF NOMADSS.  
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